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37 CFR 1.97(b)

1. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

37 CFR 1.97(c)

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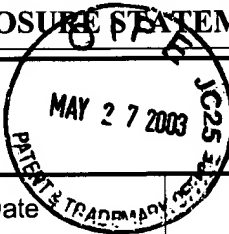
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Invention: **FLEXIBLE PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARD**

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This is a statement under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(e) in the above-identified application.

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Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1)

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Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(2)

- ☐ No item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the undersigned person, after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement was known to any individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement.


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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 37 C.F.R. 1.97, and 37 C.F.R. 1.98, Applicants request that a citation and examination of the references cited below, and on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States patent.

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

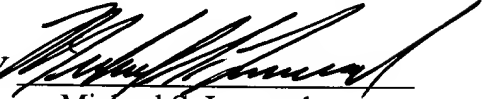
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The cited references are not in the English language. English language abstracts are enclosed for all of the references. All of the cited references were cited in corresponding Japanese priority application. An English language abstract of the Japanese Office Action of February 25, 2003 for Japanese Patent Application No. 11-320104 is enclosed. The English language abstract of the Japanese Office Action is being submitted merely for English language supplements to the English language abstracts for the references which are already enclosed. Applicants do not admit any of the assertions in the Japanese Office Action, including any rejections or asserted disclosures in the references, for example.

Applicants look forward to early and favorable consideration of this matter.

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